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Pontiac—The Oakland supervisors have rejected all bids for the construction of a new jail because they exceeded the appropriation.

Charlotte—The council has voted to submit the question of bonding the city for \$45,000 for paving streets to the voters at the April election.

Coopersville—August R. Carlson, 57, of Grand Rapids, was instantly killed by an interurban car at Country Crossing, one mile south of Nunica.

Owasco—Shiawassee County spent \$108,000 on road work in 1920, according to the report of the road commissioners to the board of supervisors.

Plymouth—The month-old son of Frank Hayball, a farmer, was accidentally smothered under a blanket which his mother had placed over his crib.

Plainwell—While Merrill Erwin, 20 years old, was examining a revolver, it discharged and the ball lodged in his neck. Doctors have been unable to remove it.

Monroe—Frank Gassner, who will become sheriff Jan. 1, has appointed Joseph R. Anteau, undersheriff; Horace Barrett, deputy sheriff, and Geo. Naackel, court officer.

Monroe—Monroe county supervisors appointed a committee to ask the supervisors of Lenawee, Jackson and Hillsdale counties to endorse plans for the erection of a joint tuberculosis sanatorium.

Pontiac—During 1920, 2,579 criminal cases were disposed of in the Oakland County courts, as compared with 2,351 in 1919. In the number of arrests this county leads the state outside of Wayne County.

Monroe—The applications of Chas. E. Kirby for a temporary injunction to restrain Monroe city commission from issuing \$725,000 waterworks bonds was refused by Judge Jesse H. Root of circuit court.

Alma—This place claims the smallest fire loss per assessed valuation for any city of its size in the country. Fire Chief Joseph E. Sator reports 10 fires with \$150 loss in 1920 on an assessed valuation of \$150,000.

Alma—Lumber camps in this section are being flooded by unemployed men from the cities. Owing to the timber shortage, however, many camps are shutting down, and is a result hundreds of men are said to be stranded.

Albion—Two Michigan trips are planned by the Albion College Glee Club. The first will be to Coopersville, Grand Rapids and Rockford next month and in March the club will go to Muskegon and Grand Haven.

Albion—A hearing was held Jan. 5 on a plea for a permanent injunction to restrain the Easley Light & Power Co., of Plainwell, from increasing its rates. A temporary injunction was granted at the request of residents of Plainwell.

East Lansing—Addresses by L. Whitney Watkins, of the state board of agriculture, and George W. Dickinson, of Detroit, will feature the meeting here, Feb. 12 and 13, of the Michigan Improved Live Stock Breeders and Feeders' Association.

Cadillac—Fred C. Wetmore lost the skid chain from his automobile and advertised, offering a reward for its return. He got it back but he has been so tormented by other finders of chains that he has had to advertise he has recovered his property.

Ann Arbor—Four robbers entered the home of Mrs. Marlin Allmendinger, ordered Mrs. Allmendinger and her two daughters to remain quietly in bed, ransacked the house and ate a lunch in the kitchen. They left with \$20 cash and two gold watches.

Ann Arbor—In the arrest of Claude Way, of this county, and Harry Wood, who was apprehended in Jackson, the officers here believe they have secured two of the three young men who are responsible for the several burglaries in this vicinity recently.

Traverse City—This city has been notified by W. D. Rich, state sanitary engineer, that unless a complete survey of the city water and sewer system is filed with the State Board of Health by Jan. 21, the state will begin proceedings against the city officials.

Pontiac—Help of the American Legion is being asked by brothers of Anson Best to take to the supreme court his appeal for a new trial denied in circuit court. Best, a former service man, is serving a life sentence for murder of Vera Schneider, a telephone girl.

Kalamazoo—Myron Rushmore obtained a divorce from "his shadow," after he told Judge Weinert his wife was so jealous of him she would follow him wherever he went. She even followed him to the corner barber shop, he said, and hid behind a tree until he came out.

Iron Mountain—The organization of the Iron Mountain National bank was completed at a meeting of the stockholders here. Those elected were: President, Cleo Mueller; first vice-president, Charles E. Parent; second vice-president, Claude H. Millman; directors, Z. P. Rousseau, John O. Bixit, Felix Valenti, John J. Flannigan, Olaf Rian and Dr. H. Bohannon.

The new bank expects to open for business Feb. 15. The Plankinton property has been bought for \$34,500. Next spring a five banking house and busi-ness block will be built.

Dundee—A D., T. & I. freight train backed into the railroad station here and almost demolished it.

Cadillac—Warning has been given by the postmaster that "spooners" caught in the corridor of the postoffice will be prosecuted.

Albion—Soot in his eye started an infection which doctors declared was the cause of the death of William A. Bacon, Albion business man.

Albion—Mrs. Catherine I. Cool, who committed suicide here last week, left an estate of \$34,000, principally to a brother, Ben Warner, of Marshall.

Holland—For the first time in years the Holland city jail lodged soft job seekers who, finding only day labor openings, asked lodging for the night.

Kalamazoo—Right Rev. Msgr. Thomas Dowd Flannery, 68, of St. Bernard's parish, Alpena, died in New Bograess hospital here, after a short illness.

Adrian—An increase of more than 50 per cent in the birth rate and a decline of 5 per cent in the death rate for 1920 over 1919 are reported in Adrian.

Kalamazoo—There were 230 divorces granted in Kalamazoo County in 1920, one-fifth the number of marriages. Births increased from 1,134 to 1,347, a gain of 20 per cent.

Bessemer—Robbers backed up a sleigh at the door of Herman Katelus' home here and hauled away a safe weighing 350 pounds. Katelus said there was only \$35 in the safe.

Petoskey—More than 74,000 trout eggs have been shipped here from Grand Cascapedia River, Canada, to be planted in Michigan streams for breeding with the domestic brook trout.

Corunna—Joseph McDonald, an engineer formerly employed by the state, has been appointed construction engineer of Shiawassee County by the board of supervisors at a salary of \$3,200.

Traverse City—Dr. G. A. Holliday has been elected commander of the Holiday Post, American Legion. The post was named after his son, Lieut. Harry Holliday, who was killed in France.

East Lansing—Progress made in draining large areas of swamp land in Michigan will be reported at the third annual meeting of the Michigan Muck Farmers' Association, which opens here Feb. 1.

Grand Rapids—Three buildings in the center of the business district of Ada, a small village east of Grand Rapids, were burned at a loss of about \$10,000. For a time it was feared the town would be wiped out.

Muskegon—John W. Ward, former city engineer of St. Johns, is under arrest in Astoria, Oregon, on a charge of bigamy. Ward is said to have married a society woman in Seattle while having a wife in Michigan.

Kalamazoo—A proposition to create an office for a purchasing agent for Kalamazoo county is being given serious consideration by the supervisors. There is every indication that action of a favorable nature will be taken.

Iron Mountain—Four liquor law violators received jail sentences ranging from three to six months from Judge R. C. Flannigan of circuit court here. The sheriff was ordered to make the prisoners work hard whenever possible.

Muskegon—Peter Larson, 76, voter, an employee of the wood yards of the Central Paper company, was killed while taking his first vacation in 15 years. Larson was deaf and while strolling about, was run down by a slowly moving switch engine.

Paw Paw—With officials searching for Charles P. Cox, missing highway engineer for whose arrest a warrant was issued on a charge of embezzlement and larceny, petitions are being circulated in Van Buren County asking the abolition of the present road system.

Cheboygan—A mountain of sawdust south of this city which has been a special attraction to tourists for years may become an asset if recent experiments by the Government prove that it can be utilized as food for cattle. It is said that a new stock food has been developed from sawdust.

Mt. Clemens—Chris Schulz, a member of the board of road commissioners, has resigned, rather than go into court to determine when his term expires. Schulz was elected when the term extended to May 1, but recent legislation has changed the term to expire Jan. 1. All of the present members of the board claim they are entitled to serve until May 1.

Iron Mountain—As the result of an altercation over the United States taking part in the world war, Fred Ju. Lund, of Norway, is dead and his stepson, Joe Castiaz, is in jail charged with murder. Julian and Camello Pedrotti were arguing over the war, and when Julian denounced this country, Castiaz told them to quit talking. Julian hit Castiaz and knocked him off a chair. The latter procured a gun and when Julian rushed at him, he said to have fired. Castiaz claims self-defense.

Kalamazoo—Mrs. Charity Potter, 34, widow of the late Allen Potter, died at her home here. Her husband was the first mayor of Kalamazoo and served as congressman from the Kalamazoo district for several terms under Grant's administration. She was a resident of Kalamazoo since her marriage in 1845. She was related by blood or marriage to 50 or more prominent residents of the city. Her husband was the first hardware merchant in Kalamazoo. She recently celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of her wedding.

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